

Services invite comment on the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments to Terry Parks, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may telefax comments on this information collection to (202) 208-5113. You may also hand deliver written comments or view comments at the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Parks, (202) 513-7625. You may obtain a copy of this information collection document at no charge by a written request to the same address, by telefaxing a request to the above number, or by calling (202) 513-7625. Please identify the information collection by the number 1076-0136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services developed a joint rule, 25 CFR part 900, to implement section 107 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, and Title I, Public Law 103-413, the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994. Section 107(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act requires the joint rule to permit contracts and grants to be awarded to Indian tribes without the unnecessary burden or confusion associated with two sets of rules and information collection requirements when there is a single program legislation involved.

The information requirements for this joint rule differ from those of other agencies. Both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service let contracts for multiple programs, whereas other agencies usually award single grants to tribes. Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, and the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994, tribes are entitled to contract and may renew contracts annually with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, whereas other agencies provide grants on a discretionary or competitive basis.

The proposal and other supporting documentation identified in this information collection are used by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services to determine applicant eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service

population, safeguard Federal funds and other resources, and permit the Federal agencies to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or tribal organizations provide the information by submitting Public Law 93-638 contract or grant proposals to the appropriate Federal agency. No third-party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

#### Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services request comments on this information collection concerning:

(1) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies' functions;

(2) Whether this information collection duplicates a collection elsewhere by the Federal Government;

(3) Whether the burden estimate is accurate or could be reduced using technology available to all respondents;

(4) If the quality of the information requested ensures its usefulness to the agencies; and

(5) If the instructions are clear and easily understood, leading to the least burden on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 320-SIB, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

#### Information Collection Abstract

*OMB control number:* 1076-0136.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Title:* Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs, 25 CFR 900.

*Brief Description:* Each respondent is required to respond from 1 to 12 times per year, depending upon the number of programs it contracts from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service. In addition, each subpart concerns information collection for different parts of the contracting process. For example, subpart C relates to initial contract proposal contents.

Information collection for subpart C would be unnecessary when contracts are renewed. Subpart F describes minimum standards for the management systems used by Indian tribes or tribal organizations under these contracts. Subpart G addresses the negotiability of all reporting and data requirements in the contract.

*Respondents:* Tribes or tribal organizations.

*Total number of respondents:* 550.

*Estimated number of responses:* 5507.

*Estimated annual burden:* 191,174 hours.

Dated: April 14, 2006.

**Debbie L. Clark,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.*

Dated: February 17, 2006.

**Mary Lou Stanton,**

*Deputy Director, Indian Health Policy, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Community Development on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Tribe Reservation, Clark County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Tribe (Tribe), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The proposed Federal actions by the BIA and cooperating agencies include approval of a lease, issuance of rights-of-way grants, permits, and/or other agreements between Federal agencies, the Tribe and the LasCal Development Group, LLC (LasCal Development) for the construction, operation and maintenance of residential and commercial development, as well as the necessary infrastructure, on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation (Reservation) in Clark County, Nevada. The purpose of this project is to provide an expanded economic base for the Tribe while simultaneously providing needed housing for tribal and non-tribal

members in the greater Las Vegas area. This notice also announces two public scoping meetings to identify potential issues and alternatives for inclusion in the EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by May 30, 2006. The public scoping meetings will be held on Monday, May 15, 2006, and Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m. (local time), or until the last public comments are received.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail, hand carry, or telefax written comments to either (1) Amy L. Heuslein, Regional Environmental Protection Officer, BIA, Western Regional Office, P.O. Box 10, located at 400 North Fifth Street, 14th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85001, Telefax (602) 379-3833; or (2) Paul Schlafly, Natural Resource Specialist, BIA, Southern Paiute Agency, 180 North 200 East Suite #111, St. George, Utah 84771, Telefax (435) 674-9714. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to the following address:  
[comments@lvpaiuteeis.com](mailto:comments@lvpaiuteeis.com).

The May 15, 2006, public scoping meeting will be held at the BLM Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. The May 16, 2006, public scoping meeting will be held at the Las Vegas Paiute Community Center, 1 Paiute Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Heuslein, (602) 379-6750, or Paul Schlafly, (435) 674-9720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of proposed federal actions encompassing the proposed project components described below. The federal actions that may be required are as follows: (1) BIA approval of a 99-year lease between LasCal Development and the Tribe, and of rights-of-way grants, permits and/or other agreements, as appropriate; (2) BLM issuance of leases and rights-of-way grants for infrastructure components adjacent to the project area; (3) USACE issuance of Clean Water Act permits; and (4) EPA issuance of Clean Water Act permits. The proposed project area is located in the central portion of the Reservation in Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36 of Township 19 South, Range 59 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, in Clark County, approximately 15 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. The Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort currently occupies approximately 700 acres in the eastern portion of the Reservation.

The proposed lease property consists of approximately 2,000 acres of the total of 3,200 developable acres on either side

of U.S. Highway 95 (US95), which diagonally bisects the property. LasCal Development would construct a mixed residential and commercial development on this property. The development would potentially serve an estimated population of 12,500 to 25,000 people. Operation and maintenance of the proposed project facilities would be managed by the following entities: Nevada Power, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Southwest Gas, Sprint Communications, Cox Cable, the City of Las Vegas, and the Las Vegas Paiute Snow Mountain Recreation Group. LasCal Development would provide construction and reclamation bonds suitable to both the BIA and the Tribe.

The proposed project includes residential housing, commercial retail and office space, a casino with 75,000-square feet of gaming space, tribal and non-tribal housing, two elementary schools, one middle school, maintenance facilities, parks, recreational trails, roadways, utility rights-of-way and open space corridors. The proposed project would be developed in at least two phases. Phase I would include the project area located to the east of US95. Phase II would include the project area to the west of US95.

Infrastructure development would include the construction of a new highway interchange, storm water conveyance system, internal roadways, as well as connections to existing electrical, natural gas, water, and sewage facilities. The new highway interchange on US95 would be located in the southeast portion of the project area. Internal roadways in the project area would consist of six-lane collector roads, four-lane residential roads, and two-lane residential roads connected to surrounding existing roadways.

Utilities, including natural gas, water and sewage facilities, would be developed in coordination with roadway infrastructure development to the extent possible and would be connected to existing utilities located adjacent to the proposed project area. Water for construction and operation of the development would be obtained from three separate water pressure zones extending from the existing Las Vegas Valley Water District infrastructure. Electricity for Phase I of development would be supplied by the Nevada Power Company Northwest Substation. Electricity for Phase II of development would be supplied by the Nevada Power Company Snow Mountain Substation. Relocation of an existing power line easement would occur as a separate action. The storm

water conveyance system would be constructed along the entire length of the proposed project area's western and southern boundaries, which is located up gradient from the entire project area. Within the project area, onsite storm drainage would be constructed in coordination with roadway infrastructure development.

Alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative, will be analyzed in the EIS. Possible action alternatives could include plans with differing building densities and layouts, a no casino alternative, and an alternative that maximizes environmental protection using the following principles: Mixed land uses; compact building designs; a range of housing opportunities and choices; walkable neighborhoods with a variety of transportation options; distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; and preservation of open space, natural beauty and critical environmental areas.

Resource concerns to be addressed in this EIS would include, but not be limited to, air quality, geology and soils, surface and groundwater resources, biological resources including threatened and endangered species, noxious weeds, migratory birds, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, land use, aesthetics or visual resources, environmental justice and Indian trust resources. The range of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS may be expanded or reduced, based on written comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meetings.

#### Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish BIA to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BIA will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Authority**

This notice is published in accordance with § 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Grant Availability to Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes for Projects Implementing Traffic Safety on Indian Reservations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, and as authorized by the Secretary of Transportation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs intends to make funds available to federally-recognized Indian tribes on an annual basis for implementing traffic safety projects, which are designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes, death, injuries and property damage within Indian country. Because of the limited funding available for this project, all projects will be reviewed and selected on a competitive basis. This notice informs Indian tribes that grant funds are available and that information packets are being mailed to all tribes. Information packets will be distributed to all Tribal Leaders on the latest Tribal Leaders list that is compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**DATES:** Request for funds must be received by May 1 of each program year. Requests not in the office of the Indian Highway Safety Program by close of business on May 1st will not be considered and will be returned unopened. The information packets will be distributed by the end of January of each program year.

**ADDRESSES:** Each tribe must submit their request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Safety and Risk Management, Attention: Indian Highway Safety Program Coordinator, 1011 Indian School, NE, Suite 331, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tribes should direct questions to: Patricia Abeyta, Coordinator, Indian Highway Safety Program or Charles L. Jaynes, Program Administrator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1011 Indian School, NE, Suite 331, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104; Telephone (505) 563–5371 or 245–2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93–87) provides for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funding to assist Indian tribes in implementing Highway Safety projects. The projects must be designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle traffic crashes and their resulting fatalities, injuries, and property damage within Indian reservations. All federally-recognized Indian tribes on Indian reservations are eligible to receive this assistance. All tribes receiving awards of program funds are reimbursed for eligible costs incurred under the terms of 23 U.S.C. 402 and subsequent amendments.

**Responsibilities**

For the purposes of application of the Act, Indian reservations are collectively considered a “State” and the Secretary of the Interior is considered the “Governor of a State.” The Secretary of the Interior delegated the authority to administer the programs for all the Indian Nations in the United States to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs further delegated the responsibility for administration of the Indian Highway Safety Program to the Central Office, Division of Safety and Risk Management (DSRM), located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Chief, DSRM, as Program Administrator of the Indian Highway Safety Program, has staff members available to provide program and technical assistance to the Indian tribes. The Indian Highway Safety Program maintains contacts with the DOT with respect to program approval, funding and receiving technical assistance. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for ensuring that the Indian Highway Safety Program is carried out in accordance with 23 CFR part 1200 and

other applicable Federal statutes and regulations.

**National Priority Program Areas**

The following highway safety program areas have been identified as priority program areas eligible for funding under 23 CFR 1205.3 on tribal lands:

- (a) Impaired driving.
- (b) Occupant protection.
- (c) Traffic records.

Other fundable program areas may be considered based upon well documented problem identification from the tribes.

**Highway Safety Program Funding Areas**

Proposals are being solicited for the following program areas:

(1) *Impaired Driving.* Programs directed at reducing injuries and death attributed to impaired driving on the reservations such as Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs to apprehend impaired drivers, specialized law enforcement training (*i.e.* Standardized Field Sobriety Testing), public information programs on alcohol/other drug use and driving, education programs for convicted DWI/DUI offenders, various youth alcohol education programs promoting traffic safety, and programs or projects directed toward judicial training. Proposals for projects that enhance the development and implementation of innovative programs to combat impaired driving are also solicited.

(2) *Occupant Protection.* Programs directed at decreasing injuries and deaths attributed to the lack of safety belt and child restraint usage such as surveys to determine usage rates and to identify high-risk non-users, comprehensive programs to promote correct usage of child safety seats and other occupant restraints, enforcement of safety belt ordinances or laws, specialized training (*i.e.* Operation Kids, Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies, and Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician), and evaluations.

(3) *Traffic Records.* Programs to help tribes develop or update electronic traffic records systems which will assist with analysis of crash information, causal factors, and support joint efforts with other agencies to improve the tribe’s traffic records system.

**Project Guidelines**

BIA will send information packets to the Tribal Leader of each federally-recognized Indian tribe by the end of January of each program year. Upon receiving the information packet, each tribe, to be eligible, must prepare a